

EEL POT DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION

1. For the purpose of this definition and “eel pot” means a cylindrical or rectangular trap with funnels that is baited and used to harvest eels. An eel pot is 50 cubic feet or less in total volume and utilizes wire or slatting no smaller than ½ inch square measure.
2. Eel pots must be marked with a buoy and shall be clearly labelled with the owner’s name and address. Two or more pots may be placed upon a common line with a single buoy.
3. There shall be no closed season for fishing eels with pots.
4. Eel pots shall be placed in such a manner so as to not obstruct boat launch area, boating channels, swimming areas, or other areas used by recreationist.
5. Eel pots may not be baited with live fish.
6. All eel pots shall be tended at least twice a week. Any non-eels captured in these pots shall be immediately released unharmed.
7. This permit does not give the permittee the right to place fishing gear on private property against the wished of the property owner. Portions of the Penobscot River and submerged lands surrounding the islands in the river are part of the Penobscot Indian Reservation and Indian Township in Washington County is Passamaquoddy Reservations. You should receive permission from the appropriate owner/owners prior to setting any gear.
8. The reports need to be submitted on a monthly basis, by the 10th of each month. If you do not use your permit for the entire year, indicate as such on the form.